

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	Examiner:
Hiroto Itou	Patrick Hewey Mackey
Serial No. 10/651,450	Art Unit: 3651
Filed: August 29, 2003	
Title: Image Forming Apparatus Integrating Sheet Postprocessing Apparatus	

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Examiner Mackey:

Applicant is responding to the Final Office Action dated January 9, 2006, which had a shortened statutory period for reply that ended on April 9, 2006. This response is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination. Enclosed is an extension for a two month period of time.

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